steel in the country during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and till June 2002 are indicated below:—

(In million tonnes)

Year/Period	Production
1999-2000	27.17
2000-2001	29.27
2001-2002	30.61
April-June 2002*	7.68

*Provisional

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Government have taken several steps to increase the production of steel, such as modernization and expansion of public sector steel plants, adoption of various policy measures to incourage creation of additional steel production capacity in the private sector. Indian steel producers have also been taking continuous steps to meet the domestic requirements of steel including upgradation of technology, improvement in productivity and yields, improvement in quality of products and adoption of the product-mix to suit the requirements of the consumers.

Olympics in India

1178. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that india is planning to make a bid for the 2012 Olympics in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government are planning to push the case before the IOA, to get a nod for hosting 2012 Olympics in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government are contemplating to bid for hosting the 2012 Olympics in India. In order to pursue the bid, a Committee has been constituted by the Ministry. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 18.6.2002 wherein it was felt that organising the Olympics would be a major step in both development of the country and sports promotion. The IOA has, therefore, been requested to make a road map for successful bidding of the Olympics Games, 2012.

Language problem with foreign coaches of SAI

1179. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many foreign coaches appointed by the Sports Authority of India to train Indian sports persons are not fully conversant with English or Indian languages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the foreign coaches have been allowed to bring their own interpreters;

(c) if so, the salaries being paid, in foreign exchange, to such interpreters; and

(d) the reasons for not providing Indian interpreters for better communication with Indian players and to save foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir. Almost all the foreign coaches appointed are well conversant with English Language except Archery Coach Mr. Chae Woong Lim from South Korea appointed on 21.6.02 to train Indian archers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The services of Indian interpreters will be provided wherever required.